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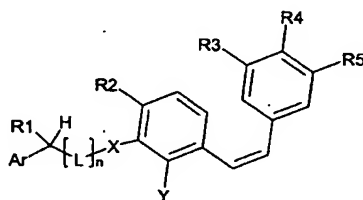
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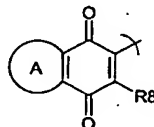
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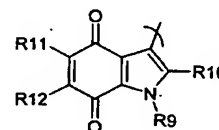
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(57) Abstract: A compound of formula (1), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein Ar is a substituted heteroaryl group bearing at least one nitro or azido group or is a group of formula (2) or (3); R<sub>1</sub> is hydrogen, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted heteroaryl; R<sub>2</sub> is alkyl, alkoxy, thialkoxy or halo; R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub> and R<sub>5</sub> are each independently alkyl, alkoxy, thialkoxy or halo with the proviso that at least two of R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub> or R<sub>5</sub> are alkoxy; L is -OC(O)- or -OP(O)(OR<sub>6</sub>)-; n is 0 or 1; X is O, S or NR<sub>7</sub>; Y is hydrogen, alkyl, alkoxy, thialkoxy, halo, hydroxy or dihydrogenphosphate; R<sub>6</sub> is hydrogen or alkyl; R<sub>7</sub> is hydrogen or alkyl; R<sub>8</sub> is hydrogen, alkoxy or dialkylaminoalkyl; R<sub>9</sub> is optionally substituted alkyl; R<sub>10</sub> is hydrogen, alkyl, alkoxy or dialkylaminoalkyl; R<sub>11</sub> and R<sub>12</sub> are independently hydrogen, alkyl, alkoxy, thialkoxy, amino, dialkylamino, morpholino, alkylmorpholino, piperidino, alkylpiperidino, piperazino, alkylpiperazino or 1-aziridinyl; and A, together with the carbon atoms to which it is fused, is an optionally substituted aryl or heteroaryl ring.

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